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**BUILDUP OF MILITARY FORCES
ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA BORDER**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: [REDACTED] 25X1
A BUILDUP OF ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI DEMOCRATIC SALVATION FRONT (SDSF) FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF TWO TOWNS ALONG THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA BORDER (GRAPHIC 1).

2. (S/D) REMARKS: ADDITIONAL ETHIOPIAN/SDSF FORCES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO A BORDER TOWN AT 05-46-04N 045-46-31E. UNITS NEWLY IDENTIFIED NEAR THIS TOWN (PROBABLY BALENBALE) [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] IMAGERY INCLUDED ONE MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTERY AND TWO BATTERIES OF 122MM HOWITZERS D-30. THE MRL BATTERY CONSISTED OF FOUR PROBABLE BM-21 MRL DEPLOYED JUST NORTHWEST OF TOWN AT 05-47-29N 045-45-44E WITH TUBES ORIENTED SOUTHEAST TOWARD SOMALIA (GRAPHIC 2). THIS MRL UNIT WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED] A SIX-GUN 122MM HOWITZER D-30 BATTERY WAS SOUTH OF THE MRL POSITION AND WAS ALSO ORIENTED TOWARD THE SOUTHEAST. THIS HOWITZER BATTERY WAS PRESENT [REDACTED] A PROBABLE FOUR-GUN 122MM HOWITZER D-30 BATTERY WAS IDENTIFIED JUST WEST OF THE MRL BATTERY. THIS BATTERY WAS PREPARING TO OCCUPY A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ARTILLERY SITE CONSISTING OF FOUR CIRCULAR REVETTED POSITIONS. THIS HOWITZER BATTERY AND THE REVETTED POSITIONS WERE NOT PRESENT [REDACTED] OTHER GROUND ORDER OF BATTLE IN THE AREA INCLUDED ONE ARMORED VEHICLE, ONE TRACKED VEHICLE, AND SEVERAL TRUCKS. ETHIOPIAN/SDSF FORCES OCCUPYING THIS BORDER TOWN HAVE ALSO CONSTRUCTED ADDITIONAL WEAPONS POSITIONS AND LINES OF PERSONNEL TRENCHING [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] THESE POSITIONS AND TRENCHES FORM A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF THE BORDER TOWN. A PORTION OF THESE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED POSITIONS ARE AT 05-45-12N 045-44-04E (GRAPHIC 3). 25X1

(S/D) A PORTION OF THE SOMALI MILITARY FORCE THAT HAD BEEN INITIALLY IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 7 NM SOUTH OF THE BORDER TOWN [REDACTED] HAD DEPARTED [REDACTED] WHILE A SIX-GUN 25X1

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FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERY REMAINED DEPLOYED ADJACENT TO A ROAD AT 05-39-29N 045-47-44E, A FOUR-GUN BATTERY THAT WAS ALSO IN THIS AREA [REDACTED] WAS NO LONGER PRESENT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THIS FOUR-GUN BATTERY IS UNKNOWN.

(S/D) ETHIOPIAN/SDSF FORCES IN THE GALDOGOB AREA WERE REINFORCED BETWEEN [REDACTED] A BATTERY OF 122MM HOWITZERS D-30 WAS DEPLOYED APPROXIMATELY 1 NM NORTHEAST OF TOWN. THIS UNIT, WHICH HAD ARRIVED IN THE GALDOGOB AREA BETWEEN [REDACTED], WAS STILL PRESENT ON [REDACTED] IN ADDITION, TWO FOUR-GUN ARTILLERY BATTERIES OF 130MM FIELD GUNS M-46 WERE NEWLY IDENTIFIED IN THE AREA AT 07-02-31N 047-01-40E [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 4). THESE GUNS WERE NOT PRESENT [REDACTED] BOTH THE HOWITZER AND FIELD GUN BATTERIES WERE ORIENTED EASTWARD TOWARD THE SOMALI INTERIOR. EXTENSIVE VEHICLE TRACK ACTIVITY WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

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(S/D) A SOMALI MILITARY FORCE WAS IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 9 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF GALDOGOB [REDACTED] A PROBABLE ARTILLERY BATTALION EQUIPPED WITH 11 PROBABLE FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES WAS DEPLOYED AT 07-00-00N 047-15-00E JUST SOUTH OF THE GALDOGOB-BEIRA ROAD. THESE GUNS, WHICH WERE ORIENTED TOWARD MILITARY FORCES IN THE GALDOGOB AREA, WERE NO LONGER PRESENT [REDACTED]. THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THIS UNIT IS UNKNOWN. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) BE NONE, COORDINATES 05-47-29N 045-45-44E
COORDINATES 05-45-12N 045-44-04E
COORDINATES 07-02-31N 047-01-40E

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